



Talk to your doctor about all your medicines.

Tell your doctor about vitamins and drugs you buy without a prescription. Let your doctor know about home remedies you use. Some medications do not work as well as they should when you take them with other medications, drugs, or home remedies. It is important to tell your doctor:

- When you do not understand something he or she says to you
- When you do not understand directions
- How you take your medicine
- About any problems you have taking your medicine
- If you cannot open the medication package or take the lid off the medicine bottle
- If you cannot take your medicine
- If you cannot afford your medicine
- Where you get your medicine
(from a drug store, in the mail, from the Internet or other places)

Ask questions about your medicine.

- Ask what to do if you have side effects.
- Ask if this is the same medicine you take at home.
- Ask if this medicine is replacing a medicine you have been taking.
- Ask why the medicine has a different name.
- Ask why the medicine looks different.
- Ask how to take your medicine.
- Ask if you are taking your medicine correctly.
- Ask what to do if you forget to take your medications.
- Ask what to do if you take the wrong dose of your medications.

Ask for liquid medicine if you cannot swallow your pills.